

Appendix 3

Document Analysis Worksheet

Take a moment to investigate the source. Then answer the following questions as best you can.

Note: You may NOT be able to find definitive answers to all of these questions. Feel free to record your DEDUCTIONS, SPECULATIONS, and CONJECTURES.

Title of Document
Creator
Date created
Content What information do we learn from this source? What symbols are present? If it is a written document: What claims does the author make? What evidence does the author use?
Subtext How close to the event depicted was this source created (both time and place)? Why was this item created? What was its purpose? Who was the intended audience?
Context What events were occurring during the time period the document was created? How might this have influenced the source?
Question Write at least one question you have after investigating this source. What are you confused about? What new questions does this source raise?
Corroboration (Complete after reading the other documents in the case file) How do other sources support or contradict this source? How reliable do you think this source is? Why?